

CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method in a computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including a first button and a second button;

in response to each activation of the first button:

creating a new activity item;

establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item;

creating an expense item;

consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

setting an unreported flag for the created expense item;

in response to each activation of the second button, without further user input:

creating a new expense report;

for each created expense item having a set unreported flag:

adding the created expense item to the created expense report;

clearing the created expense item's unreported flag; and

submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising, in response to each activation of the first button:

establishing for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without further user input, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

3. (Original) A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process for generating an expense report, comprising:
displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report creation button;
in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:
creating a new activity item;
establishing a user-selected activity type for the created activity item;
creating an expense item;
consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;
setting an unreported flag for the created expense item;
in response to each activation of the expense report creation button, irrespective of further user input:
creating a new expense report;
for each created expense item having a set unreported flag:
adding the created expense item to the created expense report;
clearing the created expense item's unreported flag; and
submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

4. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, in response to each activation of the first button:
establishing for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and
without further user input, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

5. (Original) A computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;

a first button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the first button:

- creates a new activity item;
- establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item;
- creates an expense item;
- uses a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;
- sets an unreported flag for the created expense item;

a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the second button, without further user input:

- creates a new expense report;
- for each created expense item having a set unreported flag:
 - adds the created expense item to the created expense report;
 - clears the created expense item's unreported flag; and
- submits the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

6. (Original) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, in response to each activation of the first button:

- establishes for the created activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and
- without further user input, establishes for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.